

# MYSTERY BABYLON

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Throughout the Scriptures we find a principle known as The Law of Double Reference. I've said for 30 years that most bible scholars -- when interpreting bible prophecy -- "are watching the wrong Israel," i.e., they're "watching" the country of Israel when they should be "watching" and rightly dividing the Word of Truth from the Scriptures about Israel of the Old Testament. If we can discern and understand the picture painted by the Scriptures about Babylon we will have no trouble understanding the references to Babylon in Revelation.

It's interesting to note, concerning Babylon, another principle that I've found that is ignored or not understood by most bible scholars -- there is both a physical and a spiritual Babylon. I learned a principle in Africa 20 years ago that has been verified in the Scriptures: for everything in the physical world there is a root cause in the spirit realm! Neither the medical profession nor most Christians understand this or they would understand how to defeat one of the dominant evil spirits inflicting death, destruction and financial destitution on many today -- the spirit of cancer. This is especially important for Christians to understand today because the Lord told me in 1980, "Son, in the last days the devil is going to put cancer on more and more Christians." Why has he been able to do this? Again, there must be a root cause in the spirit realm giving him the authority and/or ability to do this.

If we understand that there is a root cause in the spirit realm for everything physical then we can defeat the spirit of cancer and other spirits that attack us to "steal, kill and

destroy." Cancer, for example, can be attacked physically through the use of chemicals and radiation or it can be attacked spiritually because the evil spirit of cancer can be made to leave and once that occurs the physical effects will vanish as well. But because most Christians don't know this they trust the doctors with their lives and usually die. It's always been very troubling to me when counseling Christians that most will say, "Well, we prayed and we felt led to have the chemo" and then they always die. Obviously there's something wrong with that picture because God never leads us toward death but always life. Something is wrong with the prayers or the thought process in these cases and I'm going to show you what it is.

Consider the following verse of Scripture you never hear preached:

"Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord.'" Jer. 17:5

We hear a lot of sermons about curses, normally from Malachi when somebody preaches on tithing but what about this one? We also find this occurring in the history of Israel, particularly illustrative in the life of King Asa, the father of Jehoshaphat. You should study his life carefully and I think it will help you in your decision making with this principle.

Now concerning Babylon, we know that there was a "golden" kingdom known as Babylon that God used to judge Judah and take them into captivity despite warning Judah to repent through the prophets, particularly Jeremiah, for a hundred years. Jeremiah prophesied over 40 years (about 47) mainly about this coming judgment yet he was never believed. Unfortunately, that is normally the case with God's true prophets -- the people never believe and repent so they suffer the judgment prophesied. God gave King Nebuchadnezzar a dream about this golden kingdom he ruled which only Daniel was able to interpret -- this dream traces the physical kingdom rule from Babylon to Rome (the kingdom of iron) so we see the *connection* from Babylon to Rome which still existed as the dominant Gentile world power when the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation. I've heard and read many bible scholars accurately discuss the symbolism of the kingdoms from the golden statue down to the Roman Empire but never have I heard anyone talk about ecclesiastical Babylon -- Mystery Babylon the religious system -- being passed down as well. This "system" is now all over the world.

If we are good students of the Scriptures and this principle of first the physical, then the spiritual we can also see a connection between the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple in both Ezra and Nehemiah -- both had been taken captive by Babylon and it was out of Babylon that they had to go to restore the city and temple in Jerusalem. We should also note carefully that the Scriptures say that Ezra "came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given." (7:6) When the foundations are destroyed the Five-fold ministers of God, particularly the apostles and prophets as foundational ministries, *must only rebuild utilizing the Word of God*. It is the Word, Jesus Christ, that is the Cornerstone and foundation of all that we can build.

Isaiah prophesied the destruction of physical Babylon and said it "will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited, nor will it be settled from generation to generation" (13:19, 20) yet in this same chapter he likens the destruction of Babylon with the Day of the Lord so this could not be a reference to *physical Babylon* but rather spiritual Babylon.

When we read these Scriptures of the Old Testament dealing with Babylon together with the New Testament we see a picture of the kingdoms of this world, ruled by Satan, and the coming Antichrist person who will and is in the process now of establishing both a physical Babylon (or Rome) and a spiritual Babylon.

From Revelation we learn that the Beast will set up two kingdoms -- a political kingdom (Rev. 17:8-17) and an ecclesiastical kingdom (17:1-7, 18). Political Babylon is his confederate empire, the last form of Gentile world power and rule under "Rome." The times of the Gentiles began during the time of Jeremiah and continues till today.

Ecclesiastical Babylon must be ruled by Satan and the Beast because men of religious persuasion cannot be ruled politically; they will rebel! So the two great forces that rule men are religion and politics/government. Satan must control both in order to exert complete control over the human race. We are seeing this come to pass in our own country of America that is still "the home of the brave" but sadly is no longer "the land of the free." Political Babylon here continues to make more and more laws to control us and take away our freedom, conveniently ignoring the Bill of Rights. Things that used to be civil matters are now criminal offenses and is one reason why we have more people in prison than any other nation in the world. A man is on trial in Texas now for felony cat murder because he killed a stray cat that was harming his song birds; he faces 2-5 years in prison! Yet other long standing laws such as in the area of immigration are largely ignored while our President, in direct violation of his oath of office "to defend the Constitution of the United States of America" meets with the President of Mexico and PM of Canada in secret meetings to form the Amero Union which neither Congress nor the American people have voted on! This event was only reported by Lou Dobbs on CNN and not covered by the other major media because it is the path toward the One World Government system of Political Babylon whose main ruler is Satan. He uses witches, wizards, satanists, secret societies such as The Illuminati and many others to implement his plans.

Have you checked your passport lately? The government now requires you to have a passport to even go to Canada or Mexico. As of August, 2007, every passport is equipped with a GPS chip so they can accurately track your every movement 24 hours a day by satellite. We could not renew our cell phone because it was not equipped with a GPS chip. I asked them why the phone had to have one and they replied it was federally mandated because of 911. In 1991 Kenneth Copeland Ministries sent me a video which I had to return because they only had one copy. It was titled, "The Imminent Overthrow of the U.S. Government" and was presented by a Bird Colonel in the Air Force. It highlighted how the US is divided up into MJD units with about 5-6 states per MJD. All the President has to do is declare Marshal Law and these go into operation with the

governors of the states reporting to the Federal head of each MJD. The colonel reported how they were putting up cameras everywhere and inserting hologram logos in every license plate. I went out into the garage (we lived in Austin at the time) and took my plate off and looked at in the bright sunlight and there it was. When we moved to Montana in '97 I thought they wouldn't have it yet but there it was again. He highlighted how many foreign troops, especially Russian, were training on American soil. I recalled seeing many of them on trains and in convoys. He said, "American troops would have a problem shooting Americans but not foreign troops."

Yes, we have lost most of our freedom here in America; another sign that the Mark of the Beast is near. Soon, in the name of security and the war on terror, identity theft or some other fabrication of plausible reason we'll be told all of our bank accounts, etc., and a GPS chip must be loaded into a chip that will be imbedded in our right hand.

For 3 1/2 years in Montana the Lord had us preaching from Rev. 18 "Come out of her, my people." This is a direct reference to God's judgment of ecclesiastical Babylon; only a "church" would contain God's people. It's interesting that we see a parallel in the Old Testament with Jeremiah's prophecy concerning Babylon that it was judged as God's "vengeance of His temple" (50:28). Just as God judged physical Babylon centuries ago for the destruction of Solomon's Temple so shall He judge ecclesiastical Babylon for its destruction of His spiritual Temple.

Political Rome persecuted true Christians for hundreds of years until there was a marriage between political and ecclesiastical Rome when the emperor Constantine supposedly became a Christian (I say supposedly because although he claimed to be converted he subsequently murdered members of his own family which would argue against his conversion as being genuine). Again, a situation similar to the origination of Babylon when Nimrod was both the political and religious leader of Babylon.

In the year 63 B.C. Julius Caesar was officially recognized as the Pontifex Maximus of the Mystery religion, now established in Rome {remember, Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue with the head of gold down to the ten "toes" which were iron mixed with clay symbolizing the pagan Roman empire's assimilation of other nations with their Babylonian religious systems (mother worship, sun god, etc.)} The official Roman coins used in Jesus' day (cf. Mt. 22:17-22) were inscribed with the words, Pont Max, signifying that the emperor was the supreme leader of this mystery religion. During the time of Constantine, the bishop of Rome (now called the Pope) came to be called the head of the church and "bishop of bishops." And, finally, in 378 A.D. the bishop of Rome, Damasus, was elected Pontifex Maximus or Supreme Pontiff. This was the official merging of Christianity and paganism that had morphed from the true church at Rome during Paul's day to "the mother of harlots."

In the heathen nations of ancient times statues of the gods and goddesses worshiped were made not only in human form but also in hidden forms called "mysteries" known to the adherents. Queen Semiramis erected an obelisk at Babylon that was 130 feet high. This obelisk was a symbol of Baal, the sun god and also one of the eight powers (see

*Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom*) and was erected to honor him. Ancient pagan temples often had obelisks erected in front of the entrance to the temple just like we see today in front of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. A number of these obelisks are still visible in Egypt as a country where they became very prominent. But did you know that these are also erected in London, Paris, in New York's Central Park, in front of St. Peter's at the Vatican and in Washington, D.C. This obelisk is known as the Washington Monument and was dedicated when the cornerstone was laid on July 4, 1848, in an elaborate ceremony with full Masonic rites! I wonder if any Christian groups have broken the demonic ties that this monument has in the shadow of Congress and the White House? Considering the strong ties to Satan's kingdom, it's no wonder the use of obelisks was forbidden by God under the Law.

There are many other things we could write to verify this false religious system; however, I think it not coincidental that the number 666 occurs in relation to the Antichrist and this ecclesiastical religious system. Scholars differ on when the Book of Revelation was written. Some think it was during the reign of Nero while others think the time to be during Domitian's reign. Regardless, Rome was cruelly persecuting Christians during the first century until the third century. The number 666, however, can be associated with both ecclesiastical and political Rome. The Pope is proclaimed to be the Vicar of Christ and the title in Latin, *Filii Vicarivs Dei*, has a numerical value of 666. Nero Caesar when written in Hebrew is *Neron Caesar* which also has a value of 666. If that is not enough, the Greek letters for the language of Rome, Latin, totals 666. In the New Testament, there are two Greek words that total 666 -- wealth and tradition! We know from the New Testament as well that these are two of the main means Satan uses to take people to hell. It's no wonder that the main sign of a false prophet or teacher in the early church was a preoccupation with money! Sad to say ecclesiastical Babylon is flourishing today; is it any wonder that the largest, most prominent button or tab on most "christian" websites is the one for donations?

Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." The true church, my brothers and sisters, is built upon the Rock, the Word, Jesus Himself. There can be no room for tradition's of men and demons in such a church. Against such a Church -- the true Church that Jesus died for -- surely the gates of hell shall never prevail. Amen!

